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Applicant: Menon
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For: METHOD OF TREATING SKIN CONDITIONS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, constituting a restriction requirement, please reconsider the claims in view of the following election.

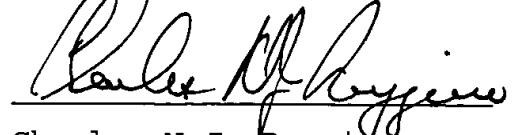
Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 11 and 14 to 26 have been made subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. The claims have been divided into three groups. Group I is claims 1 to 3, 5 to 11 and 18 to 20. Group II is claims 14 to 17. Group III is claims 21 to 26.

Applicants wish to elect Group III, claims 21 to 26. Claims 21 to 26 are drawn to a method for improving aesthetic appearance of the skin. This election is made with traverse.

Allowance of claims 1 to 3, 5 to 11 and 14 to 26 is respectfully requested.

Dated: January 21, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles N.J. Ruggiero", is written over a horizontal line.

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